



OH5 PRIDE REPORT

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SAVE THE DATE:

OH5 District Convention
Mar. 28-30, 2025
Deer Creek State Park

MD13 State Convention
May 16-18, 2025
Sawmill Creek Resort

Learn to Roar
TBD
June 2025

International Convention
July 13-17, 2025
Orlando, FL

From District Governor Toni:

Greetings OH5!

Convention season is fast approaching. The convention committee is hard at work planning what hopefully will be a convention that is fun and informative.

As we anticipate the convention keep in mind that at the heart of Lions Clubs International is a commitment to service. Lions dedicate their time, energy, and resources to making a lasting impact. Whether you're a longtime member or someone looking to get involved, there are countless ways

to serve.

Recent and ongoing service projects are:

Vision screenings & Eyeglass donations

Fighting hunger in our communities

Supporting Youth & education

Environmental initiatives

Health and Wellness programs

Every act of kindness makes a difference. Together we can change lives, strengthen communities, and build a better world.

We serve!



QR Codes for glasses

Lion Stu Koble of the Grove City Lions sent along this example of making your information easier to find for those dropping off glasses. You can create a QR code that directs someone to your club's website and information. Then it's easy to see on top of the box and easy to scan!



MJF Credits

Unused Melvin Jones Fellowship Credits

There are several OH5 clubs with enough unnamed funds to award a Melvin Jones Fellowship (or two!!) to a deserving Lion. Contact your Zone Chair or District LCIF Chair PCC Dave Risen at drisen@insight.rr.com for details



Lions Clubs International **FOUNDATION**



LCIF Response to LA Wildfires

The Wake of Hurricane Helene: LCIF's Response to the Devastating Storm

In late September 2024, families were plunged into darkness when Hurricane Helene tore through the southeastern United States. This storm was the deadliest to strike the U.S. mainland since Hurricane Katrina in 2005, causing severe destruction and heartbreak. Knowing these victims had a long and painful road to recovery ahead of them, LCIF approved 14 grants totaling US\$380,000 in response to Hurricane Helene. This includes 12 Emergency Grants of US\$15,000 each across Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee, plus two Major Catastrophe Grants of US\$100,000 each awarded to North Carolina and Florida. These grants helped Lions provide things like water, food, cleaning supplies, toiletries, flashlights and linens.

The essential supplies and physical assistance go a long way in rebuilding the community, but for many, the emotional support can be just as effective. District 35-I District Governor Patty Jean Strong says, "It's not just about the material goods because those things are transient. They need humanity and empathy, and that's what we give."

Anyone interested in supporting California efforts should make gifts to LCIF's Disaster Fund, noting that their gift is intended for California wildfire relief. LCIF is tracking all gifts made for the California wildfires.

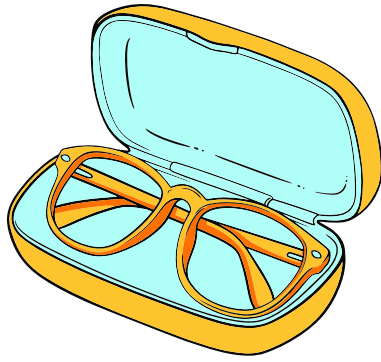
Please notify our District LCIF Coordinator, PCC Dave Risen, of contributions at drisen@insight.rr.com, and to be added to our giving list in the Pride Report, please email districtoh5news@gmail.com

- Westerville Lions Club: \$2,500 to North Carolina AND \$2,500 to California
- Worthington Noon Lions Club: \$500 to California

Gifts of ALL sizes are meaningful- how can your club help? Individual donations can also be made at <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/donate>- your personal donation still credits your club's giving!

Raging wildfires in California destroy entire communities

- Several destructive wildfires swept through the Los Angeles area of California in the United States are devastating entire communities.
- More than 28 people have died, and more than 180,000 people have been evacuated.
- The fires have burned over 50,000 acres and destroyed more than 16,000 structures, including homes, displacing countless families.
- When a humanitarian crisis of this magnitude strikes, we, as Lions, are ready to help. Right beside us is Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), our global foundation.
- LCIF is mobilizing funds, including 2 Emergency Grants awarded and disbursed for \$15,000 each for immediate relief supplies and a US\$100,000 Major Catastrophe Grant, to empower Lions in California to help their communities recover.
- Lions in California continue to develop plans.



Trading Post!

Gahanna Lions Club has received a donation of 2,000 new Eyeglass Cases if other clubs would like any to make First Aid Kits.

They can contact the GahannaLionsClub@gmail.com if they would like some eyeglass cases.



Honor Roll Reminder

The District OH-5 PDG Association takes both pride and great honor in presenting at the annual District OH-5 convention its "Honor Roll" recognition.

The due date for application is January 31, 2025. The criteria and application are attached to this newsletter. Applications accepted by mail and email to PCC Dave Risen.

Please remember to submit a photo for the online honor roll page!

Honorees can be seen at <https://e-district.org/sites/district13oh5/page-8.php>

OH5 Convention Info

Deer Creek State Park
22300 State Park Road 20, Mt. Sterling, OH 43143
740-869-2020

www.Deercreekparklodge.com

Registration Deadline is MARCH 14, 2025

- Service Project: Real Deal Santa- please bring a new stuffed animal for a needy child.
- Sponsor A Table: decorate your table- pick your favorite holiday!!
- Questions: Lion Jen Luttrell luttrellzoo@hotmail.com
- See more into in flyers at end of newsletter
- For online payment you can use Venmo to send to treasurer PCC Jay Gray:

<https://venmo.com/u/pccpdg>





Worthington Noon Lions Celebrate Achievements

Congratulations to the Worthington Noon Lions for earning the 2023-2024 Club Excellence Award! (above)

Congratulations to Lion Leah Shields on being awarded the WNL Club's "Journey of Hope" award for diligently doing community service at the Worthington Resource Pantry the first Monday of every month. She has done an outstanding job representing the Worthington Noon Lions Club as a dedicated volunteer. (right)



Thank you for reading!

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| www.e-district.org/sites/district13oh5/ | www.facebook.com/DistrictOH5 |

SUNDAY, February 16 , 1:00-5:00 PM
38th Semi-Annual CANTINA Trivia Contest
(Same fun – different setting!)

Speedy Gonzalez thinks HE has all the answers.
How about you?

Come join us for our next
CANTINA Trivia Contest
And show us what you've got!!!

LIONS TRIVIA CHALLENGE!

In addition to competing for the overall honors (and prize!) for the contest, those Lions Clubs that field a team of 4 (Lions, family, friends) to play on behalf of their club will also be eligible to win LIONS BRAGGING RIGHTS – a “traveling trophy” that currently bears the names of the Worthington Noon Lions (twice!), the Beechcroft Lions (twice!), and the Ohio5sters (four times!).



WHEN: Sunday, February 16th
1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

WHERE: El Vaquero Restaurant
3230 Olentangy River Rd,
Columbus, OH 43202

Questions? **CONTACT:** Lion Jeff Davis
lionjeffd@aol.com



\$10/person entry fee

MOVIES, MUSIC, HISTORY, PEOPLE SPORTS, AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!

Take a chance on some of this year's themed raffle baskets!
*All proceeds are used to fund the service and philanthropy work
of the Tri-Village Lions.*

TRI-VILLAGE LIONS INAUGURAL

PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

APRIL 5, 2025

AT

Pickle & Chill



• TEAMS OF TWO •

EVERY PARTICIPANT GETS A T-SHIRT!

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL! \$150/TEAM
JANUARY 10 - FEBRUARY 17

\$175/TEAM
FEBRUARY 18 - APRIL 5

MEDALS AWARDED FOR 1ST, 2ND & 3RD PLACE
TEAMS IN BOTH SKILL LEVELS

Early Bird Special date to be extended. To receive notice when registration is available online, contact trivillagelions@aol.com

Ridgedale Lions Club



22nd Annual
2025



Daytona 500 Dinner & Auction



Saturday, February 15, 2025

DOORS OPEN AT 4:00 PM, DINNER AT 5:00 PM, AUCTION FOLLOWING

All Occasions Catering
6989 Waldo Delaware Rd.
Waldo, OH 43356

JOIN US AND GET INVOLVED

- Buy a ticket for \$15 and enjoy a fun evening at the auction, which will include a ½ chicken dinner with sides prepared by All Occasions Catering.
- Buy an auction item and support the Ridgedale Lions Club service projects.

Tickets are available by contacting a Ridgedale Lions Club member or calling 740-251-7922. A limited number of tickets are available and MUST be purchased by Friday, February 7, 2025.

LIVE AUCTION OF 1/24 SCALE NASCAR COLLECTORS DIE-CAST CARS. IF YOU ARE THE TOP BIDDER FOR A CAR IN THE LIVE AUCTION, THAT WILL BE YOUR CAR IN THE FEBRUARY 16, 2025 DAYTONA 500.

Many more ways to win! – Total purse over \$2,500!

The evening will include a SILENT auction with many NASCAR collectibles among other various non-NASCAR items.

ALL MONEY RAISED WILL BE USED BY THE **RIDGEDALE LIONS CLUB** TO SUPPORT THE CLUB'S DONATIONS AND SERVICE PROJECTS.

OHIO LIONS PRESENT

RLLI

REGIONAL LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

OCTOBER 24-26, 2025

3-DAY WORKSHOP

DEER CREEK STATE
PARK LODGE

22300 State Park Rd 20
Mt. Sterling, OH 43143



Learn valuable leadership skills and strategies for overcoming obstacles and create opportunities to strengthen leadership abilities within your club, zone, region, and District as well as your work environment and beyond.

Faculty are LCI approved trainers with previous training experience.

Learn about Lions Fundamentals – history, principles and structures, as well as benefits of membership in Lionism!

Level 1 includes basic skills every business owner utilizes and seeks in great workers! **Level 2** enhances those sessions with management skills every business owner seeks. **Level 3** is by invitation for those who've completed Level 2 in the past and is group project focused.

Get the word out now to your District about this upcoming event. All 3 Levels will be offered!

Pricing will be coming out mid-year!

We will keep the price as reasonable as possible. Grants from LCI are being submitted to keep the cost down to all Lions.

Mark your calendar now so you can plan to attend and plan your budget accordingly.

**Take The Lead
First Call to the Convention with
District Governor Toni & PDG Jay Gray
Ohio 13OH05 District Convention
March 28-29, 2025**

Lions, you are cordially invited to the OH5 District Convention being held at Deer Creek State Park in Mt. Sterling Ohio (22300 State Park Road 20, Mt. Sterling, Oh 43143).

We will begin the weekend on Friday March 28th at 3pm with registration in the main lobby. Since our theme for the evening is the pinewood car races you can enter your own car or rent a car from a local Boy Scouts troop for \$5.00.

On Saturday we will start our day with the necrology for all of those who passed in 2023/2024 at 9am and move to the nominations. This year we will have a brunch that will start at 10am with awards and a guest speaker from our service project The Real Deal Santa Claus. In the afternoon we will have our business meetings, voting, sessions and our service project. The day will conclude with the grand banquet with more awards with PID Hans Neidhart. During the grand banquet you can also make a bid on the table centerpieces and the silent auction.

**Please note, the dress during the day is lions casual and business casual for the grand banquet

Registration Fees

Convention total: \$100.00 with a deadline of March 14, 2025. *NO REFUNDS****

Rooms: \$139.00/night+tax **Please mention the Lions event for this rate**

Enclosed is the registration form for the weekend. We will not be selling meal tickets at the door. Hope to see everyone there!!

2025 District OH5 Convention

<http://district13oh5.org/>

March 28-29, 2025

Deer Creek State Park

22300 State Park Road 20, Mt. Sterling, OH 43143

740-869-2020/www.Deercreekparklodge.com



Entire Convention\$100
 Friday Night Fun Free
 Saturday Brunch \$40
 Grand Banquet\$60
 Business only (no meals)\$5

Club Name: _____

Contact: _____

Phone or email: _____

Friday Night: Hospitality & Pinewood car races: Make your own car ahead of time or borrow one from the Boy Scout Troup - cars will be available at the lodge for a \$5.00 entry fee.

Hotel Room: \$139.00/night + tax ****Please mention the Lions event for this rate****

Food Allergies: Gluten ___ Vegetarian ___ Nut ___

| Name | Entire Convention \$100 | Saturday Business & Brunch \$40 | Grand Banquet only \$60 | I/We will Decorate A Table | Business only (no meals) \$5.00 | TOTAL |
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Please make checks payable to:
District OH5 Lions, Inc.
 6180 Dietz Drive
 Canal Winchester, OH 43110

For online payment you can use Venmo to send to treasurer PCC Jay Gray:
<https://venmo.com/u/pccpdg>

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 14, 2025

Service Project: Real Deal Santa – please bring a new stuffed animal for a needy child.

Sponsor A Table: decorate your table – pick your favorite holiday!!

Questions: Lion Jen Luttrell - E: luttrellzoo@hotmail.com

****Please Note: NO MEALS WILL BE REFUNDED AFTER THE DEADLINE****

JOIN IN ON THE TABLE TOP FUN



OH-5 District Convention Holiday Centerpiece Auction

This will be a competition between Clubs and/or individuals who would like to participate in the fun. All proceeds will be donated to LCIF.

Groundhog Day, Veterans Day, Christmas, Halloween, 4th of July, New Years, etc. So many to choose from!

What holiday will your club come up with?



All Proceeds will be donated to LCIF

DISTRICT OH5

Friday Night Hospitality

RACING

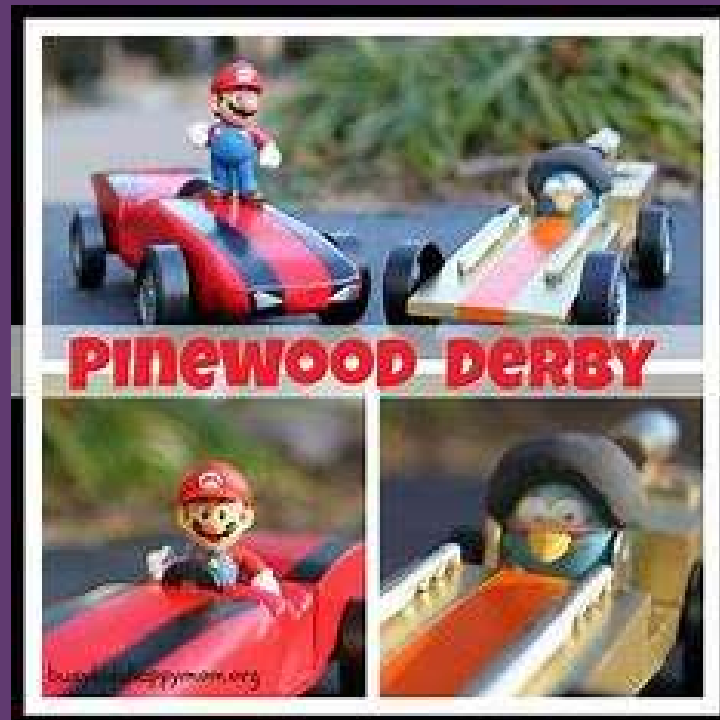
HELLO ALL RACERS AND PINEWOOD DERBY ENTHUSIASTS! IT'S TIME TO SHOW OFF YOUR ABILITIES AND COMPETE FOR GLORY IN THE PINEWOOD DERBY RACING CHAMPIONSHIP.



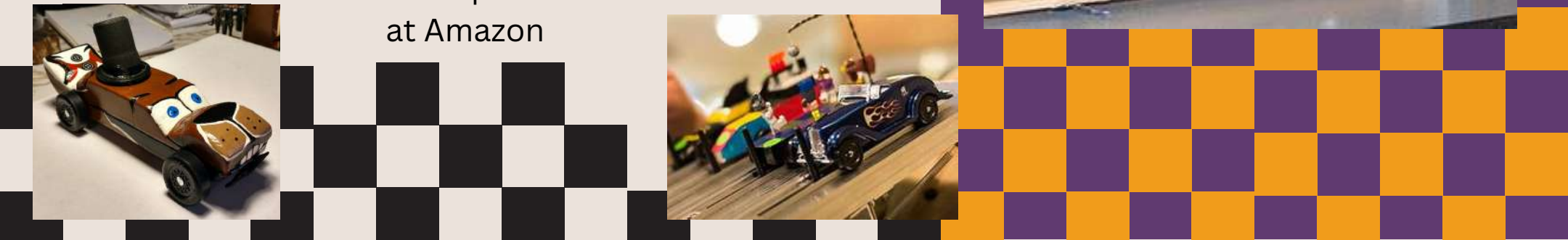
**BRING YOUR OWN CAR OR SPONSOR
A CAR FROM THE CUB SCOUTS WITH
YOUR \$5.00 ENTRY FEE**

Enter as an Individual, Club, or Zone

Kits can be purchased
at Amazon



PINEWOOD DERBY



DISTRICT OH5

SILENT AUCTION!

**We are excited for
our upcoming MD-13
Convention!!!!**

**Requesting
Clubs and/or
Zones to
donate a
Silent Auction
basket.**



**Silent Auction held
during the Grand
Banquet on Saturday**